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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Box Non-Fee Amendment  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE DRAWINGS

Please amend Figure 6 as attached hereto.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph at column 1, lines 4-6, as follows:

This is a Continuation of U.S. Ser. No. 08/859,561, filed May 20, 1997, which is a Reissue Application of U.S. Patent No. 5,417,017, which issued May 23, 1995 from U.S. Ser. No. 08/040,305, filed March 30, 1993, which is a Continuation-in-Part application of U.S. Ser. Nos. 07/575,908, filed Aug. 31, 1990, now abandoned, and 07/825,299, filed Jan. 23, 1992, now abandoned.

Please amend the paragraph at column 8, lines 1-14, as follows:

It is also to be understood that the beam 12 as shown in FIG. 6 can be replaced by a case in situ or precast wall or similar upwardly extending member. In such an arrangement the